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**RE: Concurrence for the JBLM Off-Base Helicopter Training Areas project located in Grays Harbor, Pacific, and Wahkiakum Counties, Washington.**

Dear David Clouse:

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Joint Base Lewis-McChord's (JBLM) Consistency Determination on June 3, 2020 for the project involving establishing helicopter landing zones (HLZs) where helicopter pilots can practice tasks such as confined area landings in several southwest Washington counties. The pilots will operate within helicopter training areas (HTA) and land at established potential HLZs, which have been identified based on the specific training requirements and through preliminary coordination with landowners. Ecology requested the 15-day extension provided by CFR 930.41(b), to extend its decision due-date to August 17, 2020.

The JBLM's Consistency Determination states that shoreline areas will be avoided and that no shoreline vegetation will be disturbed. Shoreline areas are those lying within 200 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a waterbody, including wetlands. This concurrence does not authorize the removal of any shoreline vegetation. Such activity may require an amended Consistency Determination and Ecology's additional review pursuant to the Washington Coastal Zone Management Program's (CZMP) enforceable policies governing shoreline vegetation at WAC 173-26-221.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with JBLM's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

Should you have any questions regarding Ecology's concurrence, please contact Therese Swanson at 360.584.3744 or [terry.swanson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:terry.swanson@ecy.wa.gov).

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2)

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision: File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.

Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

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Sincerely,



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